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MAROON CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE
Bikes allowed on RFTA buses across Maroon Creek Bridge

The Maroon Creek Bridge construction project has progressed to the point that RFTA is once again able to carry bicycles on its buses across the existing bridge.

Bicyclists are now able to load their bikes on RFTA buses at Rubey Park, the Roundabout or the Airport Business Center for travel across the Maroon Creek Bridge. This program was suspended in July 2005 due to safety concerns associated with reduced lane width during bridge construction. The recent removal of a concrete barrier coupled with restriping work has created the width necessary for safe travel of buses carrying bicycles over the bridge.

Bicyclists should note the following information regarding RFTA's Bikes on Buses program:

- There is only room for four bicycles on a RFTA bus, available on a first come first served basis.
- In addition to standard bus fare, a \$2.00 per bike fee is charged each way. Season Pass and Monthly Pass holders must pay the \$2.00 fee. Payment must be made with cash or punch passes only.
- Only those capable of loading and unloading their own bikes should use the bike racks. Drivers are unable to assist with bike loading.
- Bike loading is available only at designated bus stops. Call 925-8484 for information on stop locations and bike loading hours.

Construction of the new bridge on SH 82 over Maroon Creek began in June 2005. Vehicular traffic is scheduled to be moved onto the new bridge after the upcoming Fourth of July weekend, weather permitting.

For more information on the Maroon Creek Bridge project, including the Bridge's history, visit

<http://www.dot.state.co.us/marooncreek/index.cfm>.

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